

Romeo and Juliet Essay

How to write a claim?

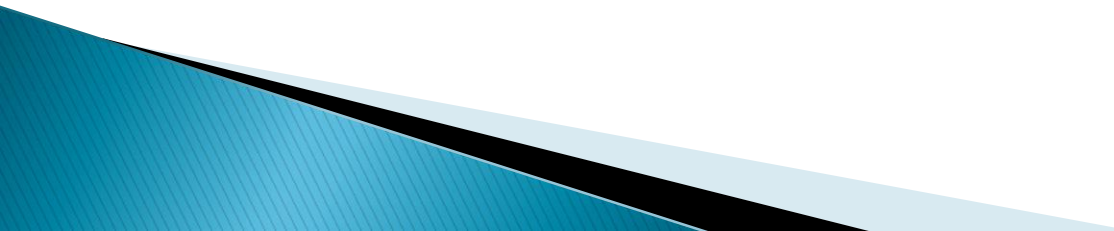
How to write topic sentences?

How to write body paragraphs?

How to use Lead-ins, quotes,

How to write a works cited

What is a Claim?

- ▶ A claim is the main argument of an essay. It is probably the single most important part of an academic paper. The complexity, effectiveness, and quality of the entire paper hinges on the claim. If your claim is boring or obvious, the rest of the paper probably will be too.
 - ▶ A claim defines your paper's goals, direction, scope, and exigence and is supported by evidence, quotations, argumentation, expert opinion, statistics, and telling details.
 - ▶ A claim must be argumentative. When you make a claim, you are arguing for a certain interpretation or understanding of your subject.
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Example Claim

- ▶ Although other factors contributed to the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, Friar Lawrence's misguidance, meddling, and rash decision making, lead to the downfall of the two lovers.
- ▶ Although the two lovers try to defy fate, ultimately, they fall prey to human frailty and are responsible for their own deaths.

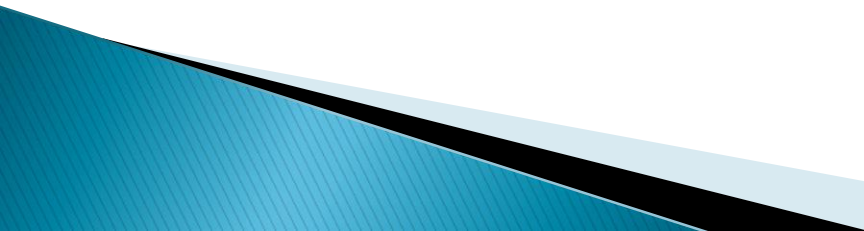
3 prong thesis
defy fate
human f
RESP = R + J

Ideas for claim

- ▶ Friar Lawrence (how & why)
- ▶ Other characters (how & why)
- ▶ Fate
- ▶ Time
- ▶ Society

** other*

How to write topic sentences

- ▶ The topic sentences guide your body paragraph
 - ▶ They are concept based NOT plot based
 - ▶ For example:
 - ▶ While the Capulets started planning a wedding for Juliet and Paris, Friar Lawrence began devising a devious scheme to let Juliet escape her fate and live with Romeo.
 - ▶ Friar Lawrence's secrecy and devious planning caused the deaths of Romeo and Juliet.
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Body Paragraphs: How to

- ▶ Your body paragraph answers the claim
- ▶ You should choose one reason as to why your claim is true and prove this in your paragraph

Revisions

- ▶ “To Be” Verbs
- ▶ Sentence variety = *No It there*
- ▶ Pronoun ambiguity
- ▶ Pronoun antecedent
- ▶ Verbs: advanced, intentional
- ▶ 3rd person objective *you, me, I our, we*
- ▶ Literary present tense

*friar created a plan
to creates*

*Am
is
are
was
were
be
being
been*

Using Research in the paper

- ▶ The purpose of research is to confirm your opinion. To support that you are right.
- ▶ Without research, your argument is subject to error, flaws, bias, fallacies
- ▶ Use a lead in
- ▶ Incorporate it into the points that need support
- ▶ According to the author ~~Harold Bloom~~, *Hazlitt's article on the tragedy* *Claims* "end" *Q*
- ▶ "the task of sending Romeo the crucial letter via a fellow friar, rather than let Romeo's servant, Balthasar, be his emissary, as he had promised Romeo he would do" (56), proves Friar Lawrence made a human mistake from the beginning. *Analysis*

Works cited

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